

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 6 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

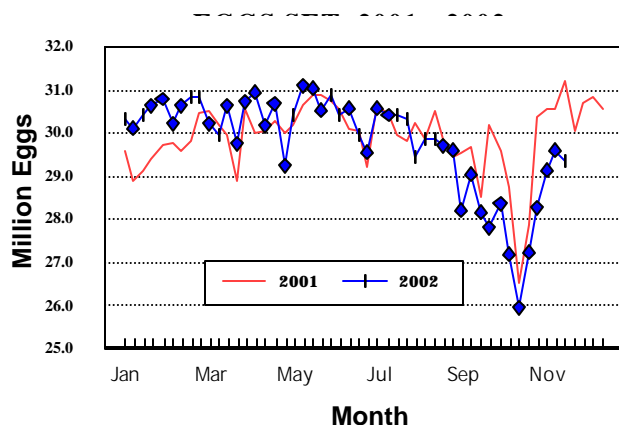
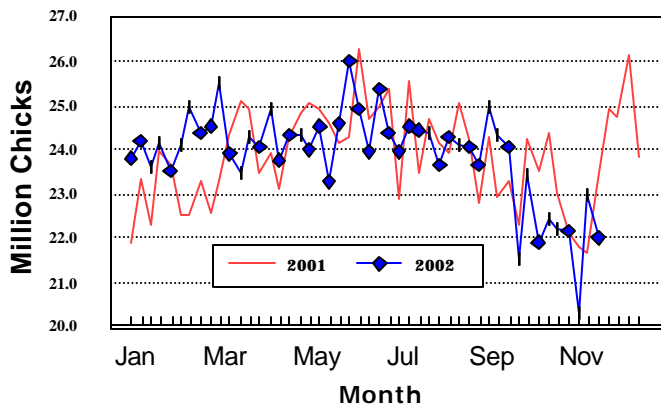
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 22.0 million during the week ending November 30, 2002. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week in 2001, and down 4 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.5 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through November 30, 2002 were 1.15 billion, up slightly from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 23.3 million, down 7 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up 4 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.5 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.5 percent.

Arkansas hatcheries set 29.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending November 30, 2002, down 6 percent from the same period last year, and down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	1,000			1,000			1,000		
Oct. 26	24,413	22,466	92	24,950	23,102	93	26,510	25,951	98
Nov. 2	23,027	22,202	96	24,599	23,143	94	27,837	27,248	98
Nov. 9	22,127	22,150	100	23,854	22,589	95	30,372	28,284	93
Nov. 16	21,833	20,334	93	21,976	21,561	98	30,589	29,119	95
Nov. 23	21,689	22,968	106	23,031	22,459	98	30,582	29,624	97
Nov. 30	23,459	21,996	94	25,047	23,319	93	31,179	29,362	94

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS 2001-2002



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	09-Nov	16-Nov	23-Nov	30-Nov	%	26-Oct	02-Nov	09-Nov	16-Nov	23-Nov	30-Nov	%
Alabama	27,799	27,523	27,664 *	28,164	96	21,060	20,531	19,883	19,494	19,786 *	20,386	95
ARKANSAS	28,284	29,119	29,624 *	29,362	94	22,466	22,202	22,150	20,334	22,968 *	21,996	94
Delaware	3,480	3,397	3,376	3,600	100	4,637	5,549	5,279	4,245	4,909 *	4,810	84
Florida	2,187 *	2,250	2,260	2,258	98	2,017	2,071	1,989	2,270	2,348	2,467	115
Georgia	30,267	30,137	29,690	29,919	92	23,955	24,000	23,524	21,534	22,781	24,254	97
Kentucky	6,350 *	6,578	6,514 *	6,271	93	5,076	4,511	4,430 *	4,505	4,887 *	5,096	112
Maryland	9,917	9,238	9,249 *	9,890	90	5,861	5,165	5,156	5,965	6,169 *	6,131	103
Mississippi	17,859 *	17,822	17,771	18,691	100	14,447	14,405	13,844	13,673	13,872	15,265	106
N. Carolina	17,721 *	17,386	18,182	17,795	93	14,065	13,424	12,777	13,951	14,230 *	14,092	95
Oklahoma	6,508	6,391	6,407	6,320	99	3,135	4,378	4,142	3,895	3,269	5,144	91
Pennsylvania	3,337	3,146 *	3,697 *	3,489	90	2,712	2,454	2,287	2,391 *	2,591 *	2,527	91
S. Carolina	4,659	4,709	4,415	4,632	98	4,145	3,579	3,795	3,510	3,684	3,870	92
Texas	15,343 *	14,762	15,227	14,944	101	11,386	11,093	10,418	10,040	11,624	12,242	107
Virginia	6,013	6,105	6,224	6,211	95	4,487	5,019	4,717	4,297	4,444	5,288	107
CA,LA,MO,TN,WV	19,038 *	19,235 *	19,419 *	19,297	92	17,101 *	16,768 *	17,356 *	17,382 *	17,463 *	17,472	94
Total 2002	198,762 *	197,798 *	199,719 *	200,843		156,550 *	155,149 *	151,747 *	147,486 *	155,025 *	161,040	
Total 2001	204,751	205,712	205,396	211,929		165,891	159,933	153,671	150,878	158,581	165,267	
% Prev. Year	97	96	97	95		94	97	99	98	98	97	
Approximate Marketing Date 2002-2003.....						14-Dec	21-Dec	28-Dec	04-Jan	11-Jan	18-Jan	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 5 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 201 million eggs during the week ending November 30, 2002. This was down 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 161 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 30, 2002. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through November 30, 2002 were 8.00 billion.

The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.